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## REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 and 12-16 are present in the application after this amendment.

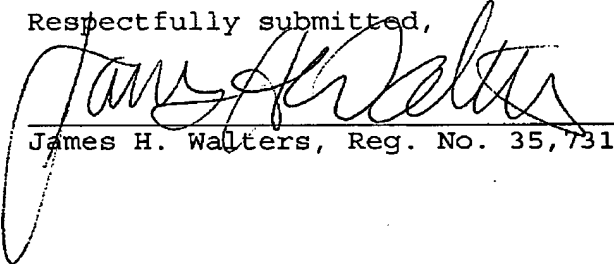
The ( $S_{hr}$ ) is the referenced number of the reflected light signal. Therefore, in page 5 of the original specification "the reflected light signal ( $S_{eo}$ )" should be amended to "the reflected light signal ( $S_{hr}$ )". Thus, the drawings of the referenced application do not have to be amended.

The Examiner asserts that claims 6 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since claims 8 and 9 indirectly depend upon the rejected base claim, new independent claim 12 is added. Therefore, claims 4 and 8 are incorporated into claim 1, and claims 5 and 9 are incorporated into claim 12. New dependent claims 13 to 16 correspond respectively to original claims 2, 3, 7, 11.

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In light of the above noted amendments and remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

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